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Glenn, Metzenbaum view WPAFB toxic waste site

By JOHN L. SCOTT
Guest Writer

"While plotting to cover up a radioactive spill at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, officials laughed and joked about the incident," Senator Howard Metzenbaum and Senator John Glenn said Saturday.

"There is no question that a cover up occurred," said Glenn at the onset of a five hour hearing of the Senate Governmental Affairs and Energy Committees held at the Dayton City Commission chambers. The meeting raised questions by Glenn about the second barrel of americium reportedly stored at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB).

Three employees became contaminated in the initial spill and tried to wash themselves off at a faucet. The same water faucet was used by eight boy scout troops during the next three days. Tests showed that the camp did not become contaminated.

Before the hearing, law makers toured the site of the spill. "Once officials knew about the spill, we acted very professionally in cleaning the spill up without endangering the public," said Brigadier General Charles Fox.

The material involved, americium 241, came from Licking County jeweler, Charles Haynes. Haynes, who received a NRC license in 1970 to use americium to change the color of diamonds, pleaded guilty last year to lying to the NRC and possessing more americium than his license allowed. Haynes told FBI agents he delivered the americium to base officials in the 1970's.

Lt. Governor Paul Leonard, the hearing's first witness said, "As former mayor, I'm surprised and disappointed in the base's failure to notify state authorities of the radio active spill."

The three Air Force officials involved in the spill have already been disciplined by the Air Force, and further investigations will be made concerning the contamination.



US legislators, newsmen and Air Force officials examine the faucet from which eight Boy Scout troops washed while at Wright-Patterson AFB.
Photo by Matt Copeland

Anti-Persian Gulf posters thought to be Khomeini ploy

(CPS)-- The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini may be trying to sway American public opinion about US policy in the Persian Gulf by attempting to awaken American student's anti-war sentiments.

Posters asking "From Viet Nam to the Persian Gulf: Why Should Americans Die to Save Iraq?" showed up at the University of Missouri at Columbia last week.

No one, from Iranian students in Columbia to the Iranian Mission to the United Nations in New York, claimed to know who authored or shipped the posters, which apparently were printed in California. Consequently, no one would say how many other campuses, if any, received posters.

The Missouri Moslem Students Association-Persian Speaking Group (MSA-PSG) received the posters to use at a recent International Bazaar, said an anonymous spokesperson.

The posters and leaflets, which the spokesperson said were not meant for campus-wide distribution, are now turning up all over campus.

"It was not a member of our organization that stuck them to the walls," he said.

The posters were shipped from Albany, California, according to the source, although he maintained he didn't know

who printed and distributed the literature. There are no Iranian student groups in the Albany telephone listings and no

groups on campuses in nearby Riverside admitted to knowing about the posters.

Members of the Iranian student group at Missouri, however, assert the posters come from the Iranian Government.

"Number one, these people are Khomeini agents. On the posters, they don't put Khomeini's name because they know the sentiment of the American people toward Khomeini," said Esmali Parsai of the Muslim Iranian Student Society, which opposes Khomeini's regime.

The MSA-PSG spokesperson denies the allegations.

"We have no connection with Khomeini. Our members strongly deny that accusation."

But the people who did distribute the posters and leaflets, he speculated, did so "because they are thinking about both countries (the US and Iran)." Their purpose, he said, is to promote understanding, and diminish tensions, between the nations.

Amir Zamani, the press officer of the Iranian Mission to the United Nations, said there is no connection between his office and the posters, but he approved of their message.

"It's thoughtful and gives people something to think about," Zamani said.

It is not the first time Iranian students have clashed on US campuses. In the 1970's, before Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was ousted by Khomeini's revolu-

tion, supporters and opponents of the Shah regularly battled, often violently, on US campuses.

After Khomeini took power and seized 52 American embassy employees as

hostages in November, 1979, anti-Iranian demonstrations rocked American campuses.

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Fundamentalists lose battle for control on several college campuses

(CPS)-- Fundamentalist Baptists lost the presidencies of Georgia, North Carolina and Texas to more moderate colleagues in church elections November 10, some because of fundamentalist efforts to gain control of Baptist colleges in their states.

In October, for example, Lee Roberts, a Baptist layman from Atlanta, sent an open letter to fundamentalists claiming Mercer University had become a center of immoral student behavior, and suggested trying to replace the school's board of trustees.

Fundamentalists succeeded in prompting the retirement of top officials of Southeastern Theological Seminary in North Carolina, and, with their new majority on the school's board, pledged to hire only fundamentalist professors.

The "literalist" Baptists, who believe biblical accounts of history are literally true, also have gained some control at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Dallas.

Several Baptist observers expected increasing pressures on professors and class content at more of the 51 Baptist colleges around the country.

For the first time since 1979's nationwide voting, however, fundamentalists lost a few seats in Southern Baptist Convention elections last week.

In the voting, each state convention elects its own officers, who then help run Baptist institutions, including colleges, within their states.

In Georgia, moderate Jim Pitts, 57, defeated literalist incumbent Clark Hutchinson. State Baptists also vetoed a measure to withhold \$2 million from Mercer, which along with Baylor University is one of the best known Baptist schools in the US, until Roberts' charges could be investigated.

Moderate Rev. Leon Smith won the North Carolina convention presidency while Rev. Joel Gregory, who ran as a peacemaker between the Baptist factions, won in Texas.

Real I Am explores feelings of great elation and disappointment

By NANCY FOTTS

Associate Writer

Everyone at one time or another has experienced elation over some accomplishment, and disappointment over not receiving approval. Do you remember your love? your first heartache? The dreams for your future and the despair you felt when they were unfulfilled?

These feelings and more are explored in professor of theatre arts Robert Britton's production *Real I Am*. This

play is based on the poetry of two former Wright State students, David Sain, Jr. and Marianna Harris. According to David Monnin, stage manager, Britton combined Sain's poetry, which is sentimental, with Harris' poetry, which is more hostile. The two compliment each other to form a complete and realistic look at life's highs and lows.

The seven actors breathe life into the poetry to make the audience feel and understand Sain's thoughts and emotions that are filled

with love and hard times from childhood through high school and on to young adulthood until he reaches acceptance of himself and his dreams for a united world, according to Monnin.

Music for the production was composed by Carol Hill with lyrics provided from the poetry. Lyrics to the song "Cherish" were written by Britton.

James "Jade" Goggins on the piano, David Sullivan on drums, and David Monnin on the saxophone provide the music.

Jane Wilson choreographed the production.

Portraying Sain, his friends, and his family are Brenda Brandon, Jim Dolphin, Steven Easterling,

Jane Hajduk, Nancy McBride, Paul Newman and Ebony Pearl.

All performers are Wright State students.

Real I Am opened November 23 at 8 pm in the Celebration Theatre at

Wright State. Other performances will be given at 8 pm November 24 and 25. Tickets are \$1.00 at the University Theatre Box Office. *Real I Am* is part of the Wright State University Theatre Studio Series.

Celeste looks for new director of communication

(Columbus, Ohio)--

Governor Celeste has hired a Washington firm to help find a new state communications director, to improve Ohio's image nation-

wide. The new director is to be paid about 60-thousand dollars annually, to supervise 15 public relations employees. The Washington company, Isaacson, Miller,

Gilvar, and Boulware, will receive about 20-thousand dollars, plus expenses, for finding the director.

Khomeini

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Pro-Khomeini Iranians held rallies, which were often disrupted by American students.

The number of Iranian students on American campuses has decreased dramatically since the late '70's, and, despite increasing tensions between the U.S. and Iran in recent months, there have been few reports of anti-Iranian sentiment on campuses.

At the University of Nebraska, Hassan Ferasi, an industrial education student said he has been harassed because he is Iranian, but most students are "open-minded," he added.

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ent Lady Raider volleyballers face new division with new coach

By TODD STOWE
Associate Writer

When Wright State made the move to Division I athletics they ushered in a new era. The women's volleyball team not only made the change but made a change of coaches.

After 14 years at the helm, Peg Wynkoop stepped down as the Lady Raiders coach. Wynkoop left behind a very successful program that was coming off its eighth straight winning season.

Linda Schoenstedt became the Raider mentor

as they entered their inaugural Division I season. Schoenstedt came to Wright State from Montana Tech where she had compiled a 142-73 record in five seasons as head coach.

After this weekend's three game sweep at the Midland Alliance Invitational in Akron, Schoenstedt and the Raiders finished at 29-9.

"I was worried if we could pass well enough to run our offense since we aren't a great defensive team," Schoenstedt said.

I wondered if she was at all intimidated leading the Raiders into Division I competition.

"Absolutely!" exclaimed Schoenstedt, "we (WSU) were in the rankings every year. I knew we could be competitive and predicted we would win 75% of our games this season." Following this weekend's performance, the Raiders finished with 77% of their games resulting in a victory.

The success was not instantaneous for the Raiders. After a slow start the Green and Gold caught fire and won 23 of their last 27 contests.

"We became more comfortable with our offense and defense and we also passed better," attributed

Schoenstedt. "We had more confidence and mental toughness and set sight on our goals. We knew we could become the first Raider team to finish with single digit losses."

Schoenstedt looked back on the season for a moment reflecting on the team's best accomplishment for the season.

"Our team came a long way with their passing and their intensity level," Schoenstedt said. "We dropped three matches in five games losing the fifth game 15-13. I would like to have those games back as well as those we lost to Division II schools back as

wins but we came together as a team and minimized our losses."

"Overall this team met their potential, but looking ahead to next year they could surpass it," Schoenstedt claimed, "I am just not ready for the season to end."

"All season there has been a lot of give and take between the players and myself," Schoenstedt said. "We kept working hard and have won 20 of our last 24 games."

Schoenstedt looked ahead to next year and speculated a little.

"Next year's team is going to be strong except for

Shelley's (Harness) loss (graduation). We have to bring in a minimum of three players," predicted Schoenstedt, "Whether they are freshman or Junior college transfers they will have to be able to step in and play with Shelley's intensity and aggressiveness."

Given the right recruit the Raiders could be serious threat to teams in the region as they take on a tougher schedule and begin their climb to the top led by Schoenstedt. After all how far can a team that finished 29-9 be from challenging. Coach Schoenstedt hopes not too far.

Gemi Sasson always "seems to be in top pack when it counts"

By BRYAN ELLIS
Associate Writer

In sports, the best athletes are those who finish strong. On the Wright State Cross Country team, one such athlete is Gemi Sasson.

Sasson, a senior majoring in education, is a notorious slow starter.

"She seems to be in the top of the pack when it really counts at the end of the race and is tough at the critical end of the season," head coach Mike Baumer said.

Sasson began her career slowly at Bowling Green

State University after having a fine running career at Greenon High School.

"I didn't get the chance to run even one varsity race for BGSU, and remained on the B-team my entire freshman year," she said. "This affected my decision to transfer to Wright State University."

When she came to WSU for the first time, Baumer learned of her mainly through the admissions office.

"I was excited when she walked into the office," Baumer said. Sasson immediately became a varsity member of the team her



Gemini Sasson

sophomore year.

"Gemi ran as a solid number 3 runner the entire year," Baumer said.

Her junior year was to be even better, but "I was sick and anemic most of the season and unable to run effectively," Sasson said.

However, as is Sasson's style, she finished her junior year strong with good times in the last few meets of the season.

Once again, this season she started slow. But as if by design, she finished very strong and contributed to the Raiders fast and winning finish.

"Gemi came from the number 6 runner early in the season to finish as a quality number 2 runner prior to post-season play,"

Baumer said. "She even finished as the number 1 woman runner in the final meets of the season when

Jeannie Miller was injured." Sasson's running style also is to finish strong.

"The one thing that stands out in my mind is how she runs a race. She goes out in contact with the rest of the pack, pushes herself and gets stronger the second and third mile," Baumer said.

As far as her contributions to the team, Baumer indicates that Sasson is a very consistent performer and a fine leader that the girls really rally behind.

Her personality is also an asset to the team. "She has been a great pleasure to work with," Baumer said. "She is also a hard worker and a good student."

Sasson had the highest G.P.A. of any athlete last year.

"I plan to use my education in the teaching field, emphasizing either math or biology. I also am getting married very soon, and will settle down after graduation."

No matter what she does she will be a success, because she and others like her have made Raider cross country a success.

1987 a connoisseur year for Ohio Open Wrestling Tournament

By TODD M. JONNELL
Associate Writer

If the 14th annual Ohio Open Wrestling tournament were a bottle of wine, it would be a 1949 bottle of champagne. The double-elimination contest has been improving in competition year after year.

This year, thirty teams plus outstanding unattached wrestlers provided the sparkling action that bubbled into excitement.

Over all, Indiana had seven medal winners including the only team to have two individual champions. Ohio State compiled six medal winners as did Cleveland State. Purdue and Michigan also sent a

host of matmen to the final four.

At 118, Jack Griffen from Northwestern took the first place honors with an overtime decision. For Wright State, Tim Heyne won two matches before being forced to wrestle back.

Jay Utt also fared well. He lost his initial match, but got a chance to redeem himself and he "done good." Utt knocked off three wrestlers before losing 8-4 to Owen Hibbard of Clarion, the eventual sixth-place man.

Chris Gelvin weighed in at the 126 slot and took home a fourth-place medal, the highest Raider-placing ever at the Ohio Open. Gelvin won three matches before losing 8-0 to Jim

Martin of Penn State.

Martin was an All-American and runner-up at 126 at the Nationals a year ago. Martin ended up with a 10-3 decision over Steve Brown of Eastern Michigan, in the championship match. Meanwhile, Gelvin lost to Dave Dameron of Michigan 5-1 in the battle for third and fourth.

For the Raiders at 142, Skip Smith tried his hand at a new weight class. He finished the tourney at 3-2 with his final bout coming against Casey Graham of Indiana.

With the score at 4-3 and six seconds on the clock, Smith took Graham down for the apparent match-winning score, but they

were out of bounds. Graham went on to take fifth.

Pat Santoro from Pittsburgh came into the 142 finals, as the reigning number one wrestler in the country at that class this year, but his opponent was Mike Cole of Clarion, who was rated number two. Cole injured his elbow early and had to default to give Santoro a repeat first-place Ohio Open trophy.

At 150 were pitted Charlie Cheney and Brian Dolph from Indiana for the second straight year. Last year Cheney won, but this year Dolph turned the trick, winning 3-1.

For the Raiders, Lee Meyers decisioned Greg Hoffman of Central

Michigan enroute to three victories, before being ousted in the consolation bracket.

Ken Smith for Wright State at 158 did very well before losing to Jim Pearson of Indiana, 5-2. Pearson went on to defeat Andrew Skove of Ohio State 3-1 in overtime for the championship.

At 167, Raider Eddie McClintock won a pair of matches but lost to Brad Morris of Ferris State, 8-5. The match was once tied at 4-4, but Morris poured on his strength in the waning seconds.

Deat LeCour looked impressive at 190 for WSU. After starting off with a loss, he wrestled back in the second-life bracket with

5-1, 8-3, and 7-6 victories.

The heavyweight contingent for the Raiders, Jamie Baker, also looked strong in his outings, totaling three wins. Baker stuck Kevin Keller of Urbana at the 1:42 mark for his first match-up.

Bob Potokar of Michigan pinned Baker at 1:29, and Potokar finished third at the tourney, also sticking Mike Jones of Illinois State at 5:15.

The championship bout saw Dan Severn of the Sunkist Wrestling Club down Calvin Van Dehoef of Purdue, 16-4. Severn is the current Pan American and World Cup champion at the heavyweight division.

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